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1. ON SEPTEMBER 9, EMBOFFS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR ARMANDO OSCAR PACHECO, TECHNICAL ADVISOR OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS, TO CARRY OUT PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS. PACHECO PREFACED THE SESSION WITH PLEDGE THAT GODR WILL, AS IN PAST, COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE US AT UNGA. HE WAS PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC OVER PROSPECTS FOR US LEADERSHIP ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES IN THE WAKE OF THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

2. AMBASSADOR PACHECO SAID THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY JIMENEZ' GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT, WHICH PACHECO WAS DRAFTING, WOULD FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. HE HOPED SPEECH WOULD DRAW THESE TWO THEMEURTOGETHER.

3. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED WITH PACHECO FOLLOWING ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO GODR:

A. MIDDLE EAST - PACHECO SAID GODR HAD "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ISRAEL THROUGHT THE US" WHICH WOULD ALWAYS BE AN IMPORTANT DETERMINANT IN UN VOTING. HE EXPRESSED, HOWEVER, DISAPPROVAL FOR WHAT HE TERMED ISRAELI "MYSTIFICATION" OF SC RES 242 WHICH HE CONSIDERS UNBALANCED AND SAID THAT ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES DID NOT BESTOW LEGAL RIGHTS ON ISRAEL UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

B. SOUTHERN AFRICA - PACHECO SAID THAT THIS WAS AN AREA OF "GREAT POWER INSTRESTS" IN WHICH GODR FAVORED US EFFORTS.

C. DISARMAMENT - AMB PACHECO DEPLORED EXCESSIVE ARMS EXPENDITURE AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO DIMINISH SPENDING.

D. PUERTO RICO - DOMINICANS WERE PLEASED THAT COMMITTEE OF 24 HAD ADJOURNED WITHOUT PUTTING CUBAN RES TO VOTE.

E. GUAM - EMBOFFS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GODR VOTING ON GUAM LAST YEAR. PACHECO SAID GODR CONTINUES TO SUPPORT US POSITION.

F. HUMAN RIGHTS - AMB PACHECO SAID GODR WOULD SUPPORT US INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA. ON SPECIFICS, HOWEVER HE EXPRESSED MIXED VIEWS:

--HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: PACHECO WAS LEARY OF "PERSONIFICATION" OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAVORED INSTEAD EFFORTS TO DEVELOP EVEN STRONGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL COMMITMENTS TO HUMAN RIGHTS, PERHAPS INCLUDING SANCTIONS. HE WOULD PREFER A THREE-MAN GROUP TO A SINGLE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

--DECADE AGAINST RACISM: GODR REJECTS THE ZIONISM/RACISM FORMULA IN WHATEVER CONTEXT IT APPEARS.

--TORTURE: ACORDING TO PACHECO, SUFFERING CAUSED BY KIDNAPPERS
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AND TERRORISTS IS AS BAD AS PHYSICAL TORTURE.

G. UN MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET - AMB PACHECO AGREED THAT UN BUDGET IS TOO LARGE AND GROWING TOO FAST. ON SALARIES HE WAS SOMEWHAT SYMPATHETIC TO PROBLEM SO PUBLIC SERVANTS IN AN INFLATIONARY WORLD.

H. ECONOMIC ISSUES - PACHECO APPEARED TO AGREE WITH USG FORMULATION OF CIEC RESULTS AND IDEA OF LIMITING RESUMED 31ST GA TO BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF CIEC. HE APPEARED TAKEN WITH CONCEPT OF "BASIC HUMAN NEEDS".

4. ALTHOUGH PACHECO'S COMMENTS ANDPOINTS OF VIEW ARE NOT FORMALLY THOSE OF THE GODR OR THE COUNTRY'S UN DELEGATION, MOST OF THEM CAN BE EXPECTEDTOSMREVAİL IN THE DOMINICAN POSITIONS IN THE UNGA. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING UN ISSUES FURTHER WITH HIM. WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE WAY IN WHICH THE GODR WOULD LINK HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.
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